

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 29 are currently pending in the application, claims 21 through 29 being newly added with this amendment.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 30, 2004.

Objection to Title

The title of the invention has been objected to as not being descriptive. The title has been amended herein, as required by the Examiner.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,583,503

Claims 1 through 20 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 27 of U.S. Patent 6,583,503. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicants elect to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants' filing of the terminal disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,404,044

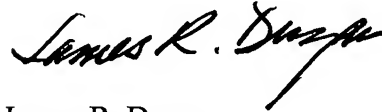
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Applicants submit that claims 1 through 20 are clearly allowable.

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Applicants request the allowance of claims 1 through 29 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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